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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are over 350 specialized dentists, known as
3 endodontists, in Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Endodontists are dental experts who are
5 highly-skilled in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and
6 performing root canal treatment; they complete three years of
7 specialized training beyond dental school; additional training
8 focuses on diagnosing tooth pain and performing root canal
9 treatment and other procedures relating to the interior of the
10 tooth; in many cases, a diseased tooth can be saved with
11 endodontic treatment; and

12 WHEREAS, Endodontists have incredible precision and
13 hand-eye coordination, making them highly skilled in
14 performing complex treatments; they use the most current and
15 advanced technology to treat dental patients; no one is better
16 at saving a patient's natural teeth; and

17 WHEREAS, Endodontists perform many other endodontic
18 treatments and surgeries, address traumatic dental injuries,
19 and place dental implants; their goal is to save a patient's
20 natural teeth whenever possible; however, an endodontist will
21 look at all treatment options to determine the best course of
22 action for each individual case; and

1 WHEREAS, Endodontists limit their practice solely to
2 endodontic treatments, performing an average of 25 root canal
3 treatments a week; specialized treatment will give patients the
4 best outcome, and they will heal faster; for this reason,
5 dentists and endodontists often work as partners in care so
6 that the best member of the dental team is handling each
7 appropriate issue with a patient's teeth; and

8 WHEREAS, Poor oral hygiene can lead to other health
9 problems; regular dental visits, flossing, brushing thoroughly
10 at least twice a day, and refraining from foods and habits that
11 can cause cavities are important steps for maintaining the
12 overall health of one's gums, teeth, and mouth; therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 we declare May 2019 as Save Your Tooth Month, recognize the
17 endodontists who are dedicated to saving patients' natural
18 teeth, and encourage citizens of Illinois to practice good oral
19 hygiene.